

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, June 12th, 2013
Best Western Starlite Village, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Meeting called to order at 10:20 a.m.

2013 – 20 Dale made a motion to adopt the agenda. Jean seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2013 – 21 Jean made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2nd meeting. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Summer Tour Review/Plan for FY14
 - Thanked Jean and Bob Lynch for a great tour.
 - South Central Iowa – Monday, June 23rd-25th, 2014
- SSCC Research & Demonstration Grants status
 - All agreements are currently in review with accounting.
- Soil Loss Limits for FY15
 - Reviewed the new list of counties. (copy of list with file)
- Newsletters (Iowa Ag Insider & DSC Voice)
 - Are the newsletters going out to the SSCC? (some members say they've received others have not) DSC will work to see that all members receive.
 - Start sending the Ag Insider to the Partners as well.

New Business

- Review Joint meeting
 - Discussed highlights from the Joint meeting.
 - Discussed budget request for FY15.
- Review Resolutions
 - Tarrita will follow up with CDI on how votes were calculated for the resolutions.
 - Reviewed what resolutions were listed.
- Nutrient Strategy
 - N.S. was approved for additional funding.
 - A Coordinator will be hired to assist with the Nutrient Strategy.
 - An RFP may go out for a website to blog on the Nutrient Strategy.
- Discussion on SSCC Res & Demo grants: How to request specific studies/ideas, such as where nitrates come from, etc.?
 - District Operations subcommittee will meet to discuss how much funding will be set aside for additional Research & Demonstration grants, how the process should be going forward.
 - Option of two rounds of grants; one round of general requests and one with a study focus (cover crops, strategy, etc).

Vacancies in the Office of SWCD Commissioner

- Vacancy:
 - Calhoun SWCD: Recommendation for Brandon Betten to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Gary Johnson who recently passed away.

2013 – 22 Jean made a motion to approve the recommendation for appointment of Brandon Betten to the unexpired term on the board. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SSCC Member Reports

Kelly: Secretary replacement for Taylor County. Conference call meetings for Annual Conference.

Dale: Assisting in the STRIPS project in Boone County. Leopold Center meeting and tour.

Paula: Discussion with District Conservationist regarding the county cleaning out road ditches, will attend commissioner meeting on June 13th.

Charles: Dubuque completed planting May 22nd.

Jean: Assisted with the organization of the summer tour.

Future Meetings

July **NO SSCC MEETING**
District Operations Subcommittee –conference call regarding Research & Demonstration Grants
Soil, Water & Minerals Resources Subcommittee – conference call regarding Priority Watershed

August 1st Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Wallace Building
9:00 a.m. for a sub-committee meeting if needed
**The full committee will discuss reallocating additional funds for RFPs going forward.

August 7th Budget & Legislative meeting with Secretary Northey

September 4th CDI/SSCC joint meeting 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday evening; *Rooms may be reserved under: Soil*

September 4 & 5 Commissioners Annual Conference

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.